

SALEM HEIGHTS

# THRIVING

IN THE WORD . IN PRAYER . IN FELLOWSHIP

HOPE IS THE EAGER ANTICIPATION AND CONFIDENT EXPECTATION  
OF A FUTURE GUARANTEED BY GOD.

“Confident hope, that is “assurance”! It’s what this world needs. As we have been studying the “Thriving” passages these past months, we pray your assurance in our Savior’s promises has been growing. The cure to shaky assurance is to know God’s word, for in knowing His word you can then choose to believe Him. That is why our time together in God’s word is so vital. It is vital because through that time together, the Spirit of God produces more and more confident hope — if we will let Him. If we are yielded to God’s word, the Spirit will then flow through us in power to bear much fruit. The Holy Spirit’s power through us is not just to endure difficult times, but to produce fruit because the times call for it. Only confident hope in God’s truth will accomplish a settled heart, bringing about good works that impact a dark world and encouragement to God’s people.” – Pastor Matt

“No believer should be content with hoping and trusting, that person should ask the Lord to lead into full assurance, so that matters of hope may become matters of certainty.”— C.H. Spurgeon

## Hebrews 10:19-25

### Exhortations to Godliness

<sup>19</sup>Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have boldness to enter the sanctuary through the blood of Jesus— <sup>20</sup>he has inaugurated for us a new and living way through the curtain (that is, through his flesh)— <sup>21</sup>and since we have a great high priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup>let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed in pure water. <sup>23</sup>Let us hold on to the confession of our hope without wavering, since he who promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup>And let us consider one another in order to provoke love and good works, <sup>25</sup>not neglecting to gather together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging each other, and all the more as you see the day approaching.

1. What do you see about hope in this passage?
2. What does it teach us about God?
3. What does it teach us about man?
4. What should we do in light of this passage?